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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPMENT OF NONCONFORMING
MOTORCYCLES

1. REFERENCES

- A. [HTTP://WWW.CUSTOMS.USTREAS.GOV/TRAVEL/TRAVEL.HTM](http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/travel/travel.htm)
- B. [HTTP://WWW.NHTSA.DOT.GOV/CARS/RULES/IMPORT](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/import)

2. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHIPPING DOD-SPONSORED MOTORCYCLES THAT DO NOT MEET U.S. SAFETY AND EMISSIONS SPECIFICATIONS, HEREFTER REFERRED TO AS NONCONFORMING MOTORCYCLES. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE BE PROVIDED TO THE SERVICE MEMBER DURING COUNSELING. THE COUNSELOR SHOULD ADVISE THE SERVICE MEMBER THAT THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL EXCESS COSTS INVOLVED IN CONVERTING A NONCONFORMING MOTORCYCLE TO MEET U.S. SPECIFICATIONS AND MAY WISH TO RE-CONSIDER IMPORTING THE MOTORCYCLE. THE AVERAGE COST TO BRING A MOTORCYCLE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. SPECIFICATIONS IS APPROXIMATELY \$1000 TO \$2000. ALSO, RECOMMEND THAT THE SERVICE MEMBER BE ADVISED TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION THOROUGHLY BEFORE PURCHASING A MOTORCYCLE FOR IMPORTATION TO THE U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS SHOULD BE SKEPTICAL OF CLAIMS THAT THE MOTORCYCLE MEETS U.S. STANDARDS OR CAN READILY BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE. ADDITIONALLY, ALTHOUGH A MANUFACTURER (I.E., HARLEY DAVIDSON) MAY ALSO MANUFACTURE/SELL MOTORCYCLES IN THE U.S.,

MOTORCYCLES PURCHASED OVERSEAS MAY NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM TO U.S. STANDARDS.

3. NONCONFORMING MOTORCYCLES CANNOT BE SHIPPED WITH THE HHG. NONCONFORMING MOTORCYCLES MUST BE SHIPPED SEPARATELY AND CONSIGNED DIRECTLY TO THE REGISTERED IMPORTER (RI) AND INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL IMPORTER (ICI) CONTRACTOR CHOSEN BY THE SERVICE MEMBER (SUBJECT TO EXCESS COSTS). THIS BECOMES THE DESTINATION OF THE SHIPMENT AND NO FURTHER MOVEMENT AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE IS AUTHORIZED.

4. A SERVICE MEMBER CHOOSING TO SHIP A NONCONFORMING MOTORCYCLE TO THE U.S. VIA THE DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (DTS) MUST, AS A CONDITION OF A SHIPMENT, PROVIDE A SIGNED CONTRACT AS PROOF THAT HE/SHE HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN RI/ICI COMPANY AND THAT THERE IS A COMPLIANCE AND CONVERSION AGREEMENT. THE SERVICE MEMBER MUST USE AN RI/ICI COMPANY LOCATED IN THE U.S. THE SERVICE MEMBER SHOULD BE ADVISED TO OBTAIN A SIGNED COPY OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS ENTRY FORM, WHICH IS OFTEN REQUIRED BY STATE/DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS PART OF PROOF OF CONVERSION.

5. MOTORCYCLES IMPORTED TO THE U.S. ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAFETY STANDARDS UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT OF 1966, REVISED UNDER THE IMPORTED VEHICLE SAFETY COMPLIANCE ACT OF 1988, RECODIFIED AT 49 U.S.C. 301; AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1968, AS AMENDED IN 1977 AND 1990. THESE LAWS APPLY TO IMPORTING MOTORCYCLES TO ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PUERTO RICO, THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

6. PER REF B, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) AND THE EPA ADVISE THAT MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BRING A NONCONFORMING MOTORCYCLE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS MAY BE SO EXTENSIVE AND COSTLY THAT IT MAY BE IMPRACTICAL AND IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE SUCH COMPLIANCE. THESE MODIFICATIONS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BE PERFORMED AND CERTIFIED BY RI/ICI CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED BY EPA/DOT. FULFILLMENT OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT RELIEVE THE SERVICE MEMBER FROM FULFILLING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF A STATE OR DISTRICT WHERE THE MOTORCYCLE WILL BE REGISTERED OR OPERATED. FOR INFORMATION REGARDING REGISTRATION OR OPERATION OF AN IMPORTED VEHICLE IN A SPECIFIC STATE, THE MEMBER

SHOULD CONTACT THE STATE/DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

7. INFORMATION FOR IMPORTING AND CONVERTING VEHICLES TO U.S. SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE REFERENCED WEB SITES. INFORMATION CONCERNING VEHICLE EMISSIONS AND LISTING OF ICI COMPANIES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EPA (202-564-9660). INFORMATION CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS AND LISTING OF RI COMPANIES MAY BE OBTAINED AT REFERENCE 1B AND FROM THE DOT SAFETY HOTLINE (800-424-9393 (IN U.S.) OR 202-366-0123).

8. PPSOS/SERVICE MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT EPA/DOT FORMS MUST REFLECT ACCURATE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (VIN). FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE APPLICABLE WEB ADDRESS CITED IN REFS A & B.

9. THIS IS A JOINT MTMC, USTRANSCOM, AND MILITARY SERVICES MESSAGE.

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